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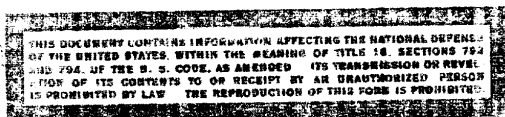
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1. [redacted] during the riots in East Berlin and East Germany Otto Grotewohl had made the request for employment of Soviet tanks after Walter Ulbricht at the Politbureau had received word from SED members in West Berlin that American tanks were assembled to enter the Soviet sector. 25X1
2. The office of Minister President Otto Grotewohl has since the riots been concerned with processing letters of complaint which came by the hundreds from the population, were written in a rather frank manner, and reflected the enormous discontent of the population in East Germany. Letters from Thuringia, for example, stated that the local population wished to join the West. Walter Ulbricht commented that these people obviously needed to be flogged with a knout.
3. Otto Grotewohl and Walter Ulbricht conferred with the Russians in Karlshorst almost every second night. [redacted] a draft for the Soviet reply note to the last notes by the Western Powers in September 1952 had been prepared and demanded that a government be formed from representatives in Bonn and Pankow and be followed by free elections. [redacted] it was hoped that the SPD would score large gains in the elections for the Bundestag (Lower House). 25X1
4. On 20 June, Semenov received influential representatives of the bloc parties. Persons close to Otto Grotewohl's office considered this an indication that Semenov was looking for new ministers. 25X1
5. Preparations for Walter Ulbricht's birthday were reduced by the office of Minister President Otto Grotewohl to the measure which was customary for all employees of average importance.
6. [redacted] Finance Minister Dr. Hans Loch would soon be dropped. 25X1

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